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**In the specification**

Please amend the specification to add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0016]:

[0016A] FIG. 6 is an exploded fragmentary schematic view of the friction load transfer surfaces of the assembly of FIG. 1 formed of a material formed with microscopic projecting fingers.

[0016B] FIG. 7 is an exploded fragmentary schematic view of the friction load transfer surfaces of the assembly of FIG. 1 formed of a material formed with small pyramids which mate with one another.

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification:

[0017] Referring more particularly to FIGS. 1–[[5]]Z, wherein like numbers refer to similar parts, a pack support system 20 is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. The pack support system 20 has a shoulder mounted assembly 26 and a waist mounted assembly 28 which cooperate to transfer loads from the shoulder mounted assembly to the waist mounted assembly under certain conditions.

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[0024] The material which presents the high friction load transfer surfaces 50, 60, on the lower segment 46 of the back plate 30 and on the waist plate 56, may be a material with an inherently high coefficient of friction such as synthetic or natural rubber, or urethane, or the rubber from which automobile tires are made, or some viscoelastic material, or it could be the GREPTILE™ material formerly manufactured by 3M of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Alternatively, the material may not be inherently high friction, but may have a highly textured mechanical structure formed thereon which causes two sheets of the formed material to resist shear, but to have substantially no resistance to being peeled apart or pulled apart. For example, as shown in FIG. 6, the material 94 may be formed with microscopic projecting fingers, or as shown in FIG. 7, the material 96 may have small pyramids which mate with one another.